

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

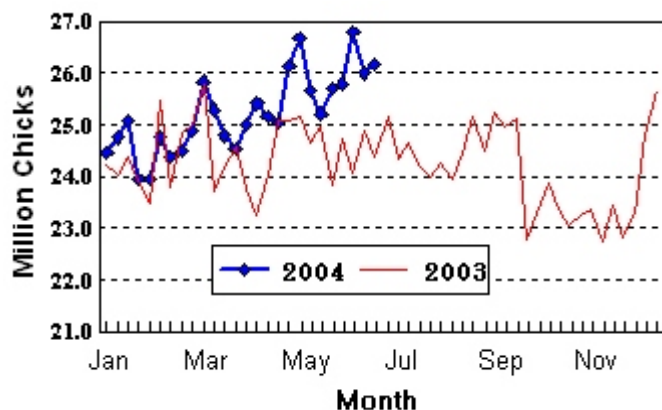
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 26.2 million during the week ending June 26, 2004. Placements were up 7 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 26, 2004 were 656.5 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.6 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

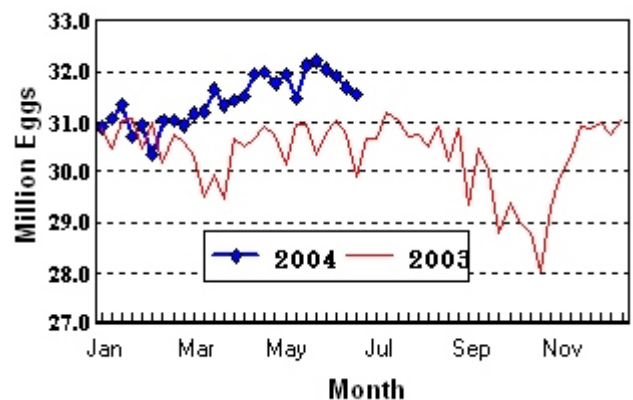
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 26, 2004, up 5 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
May 22	24,987	25,239	101	25,656	26,313	103	30,963	32,157	104
May 29	23,863	25,729	108	25,136	26,384	105	30,369	32,245	106
Jun. 5	24,744	25,792	104	25,944	26,677	103	30,797	32,066	104
Jun. 12	24,094	26,808	111	25,855	26,514	103	31,052	31,916	103
Jun. 19	24,892	26,008	104	25,268	26,502	105	30,754	31,718	103
Jun. 26	24,413	26,172	107	25,540	26,585	104	29,935	31,556	105

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun		22-May	29-May	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	
Alabama	30,014 *	30,296	30,715	30,456	107	22,568	22,028	22,168	22,248	21,248 *	20,455	94
ARKANSAS	32,066	31,916	31,718	31,556	105	25,239	25,729	25,792	26,808	26,008 *	26,172	107
Delaware	3,832	3,844	3,923	3,793	107	5,286	5,724	5,252	5,535	4,729	4,647	84
Florida	1,372 *	1,371	1,375	1,369	103	1,526	1,576	1,474	1,500	1,645	1,644	92
Georgia	33,046	33,192 *	33,360 *	33,413	104	26,428	25,221	26,384	26,951	26,919	27,443	103
Kentucky	7,301 *	7,135 *	6,900 *	7,086	113	5,728	5,805	5,918	6,080 *	6,267 *	6,012	103
Louisiana	3,891	3,892	3,892	3,892	100	3,813	4,172	4,092	3,669	3,908	3,490	101
Maryland	8,989	9,012	8,996	8,983	96	4,937	5,099	5,560	5,849	6,276	6,334	115
Mississippi	19,529	19,682	19,845	19,742	105	16,785	17,077	17,280	17,251	17,538	17,258	103
N. Carolina	18,693 *	19,160	19,210	18,500	110	15,161	15,618	15,577	15,010	15,162	15,442	101
Oklahoma	6,483	6,453	6,856	6,307	98	5,680	4,219	4,799	4,630	4,268	5,373	112
Pennsylvania	3,638	3,954	3,947	3,931	117	2,765	2,838	2,760	2,616	2,294	2,588	99
S. Carolina	3,751	3,733	3,809	3,697	85	3,954	5,174	4,636	4,453	4,439	4,087	100
Texas	15,093	15,193	15,191	15,264	110	12,868	13,126	12,912	12,985	13,019	12,789	102
Virginia	6,688	6,768	6,763	6,811	107	5,731	5,264	5,292	5,420	5,386	5,236	95
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,864	17,715	17,629 *	17,198	101	15,920	15,491	16,985	17,293	16,192 *	15,705	98
Total 2004	212,250 *	213,316 *	214,129 *	211,998		174,389	174,161	176,881	178,298 *	175,298 *	174,675	
Total 2003	211,135	209,410	207,133	201,877		172,110	170,346	173,036	173,964	172,611	172,446	
%Prev. Year	101	102	103	105		101	102	102	102	102	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul	07-Aug	14-Aug	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 212 million eggs during the week ending June 26, 2004. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 26, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 26, 2004 were 4.46 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.